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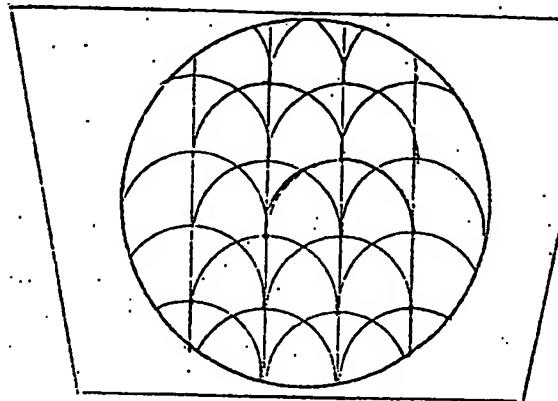
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FIG. 1



Coding may be
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FIG. 4

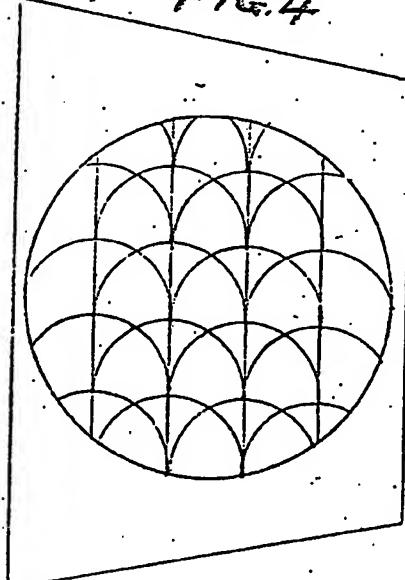


FIG. 2

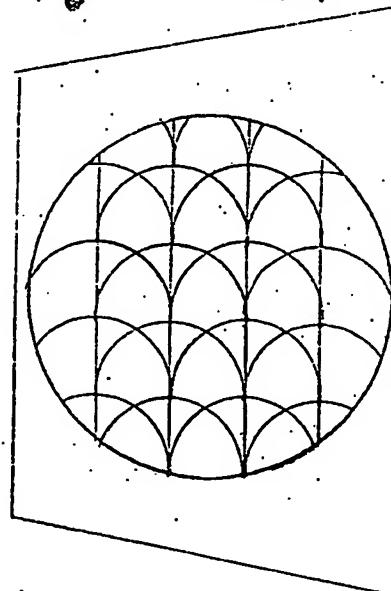
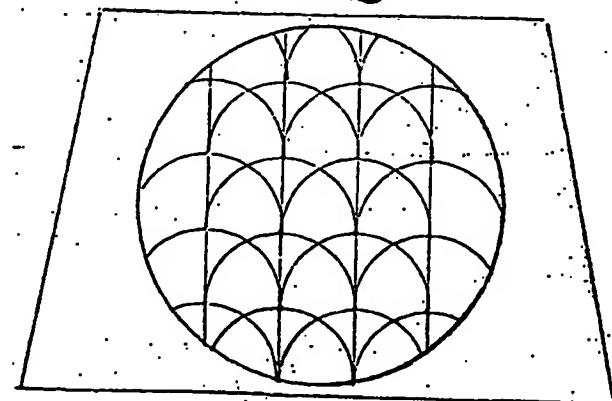


FIG. 3



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PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION

Improvements in and relating to Playing Cards.

J. WILLIAM STANTON, of 20, Powell Street, Clayton, Manchester, Engineer, do hereby declare the nature of the said invention to be as follows:—

This invention has reference to improvements in playing cards as used chiefly in the game of whist, the main object of the invention being to provide a pack or set of cards which can be dealt so that each player at the commencement of a hand or game, will hold cards which are equal in value to the cards held by the other and respective players.

Under the present system the cards are shuffled and dealt indiscriminately and almost invariably the holder of the cards of the highest value succeeds in winning. With such method the game resolves itself mainly into a game of chance, as a more experienced or competent player often fails against a less experienced player, simply because the latter has had the good fortune to receive a hand of cards of higher value than the opposing player.

According to this invention, I arrange the complete set of cards, i.e., the four suits, into four sets each set having cards of equal value, and so mark, print, brand, denote or otherwise distinguish the four sets that, in dealing, each player will receive one of the sets of cards. The distinguishing of the cards may be variously modified as desired, it may be done by printing the backs of the cards in different colours, by applying distinguishable advertisements, or by printing different designs, one on each set.

In arranging say, an ordinary set or pack of playing cards each distinctive set will consist of the following cards; viz: Ace, ten, six and two (deuce) of one suit; king nine and five of another suit; queen, eight and four of another suit, and knave, seven and three of the last suit.

As will be understood by arranging and designing or denoting the cards so that they are always dealt in the above manner each player will commence on an equal basis or with an equal hand and the game will then become a game of skill instead of a game of chance as heretofore.

Of course, it is to be understood that the distinguishing of the cards may be variously modified, without departing from the spirit of the invention, the main feature of which is to provide for dealing the cards into sets or hands of equal value so that each player can commence on an equal basis.

Dated this 12th day of April, 1912.

For the Applicant,

JOHN G. WILSON & Co.,
Chartered Patent Agents,
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COMPLETE SPECIFICATION.

Improvements in and relating to Playing Cards.

I, WILLIAM STANTON, (late of 20, Powell Street, Clayton, Manchester), now of 20, High Street, Newton Heath, Manchester, Engineer, do hereby declare the nature of this invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, to be particularly described and ascertained in and by the following statement:—

This invention has reference to improvements in playing cards, as used 5 chiefly in the game of whist. The main object of the invention being to manufacture and provide a pack of cards, which can be dealt, so that each player will receive a hand; set; or group of cards, which are equal in value to the cards held by the other and respective players.

Under the present system the cards are shuffled and dealt indiscriminately 10 and almost invariably the holder of the cards of the highest value succeeds in winning, irrespective of skill or ability.

According to this invention I arrange the complete pack of cards i.e. the four suits, into four groups or sets of 13.

Each group or set having cards of equal value, made up of different suits, 15 and so shape, emboss, perforate, colour, print, mark, design, stamp, or otherwise distinguish the four groups, that they may be readily and accurately dealt or separated into hands, or sets, without the dealer seeing the face of any card.

In arranging this improved pack of cards each group will consist of the 20 following viz.

Ace 10 6 & 2 of one suit.

King 9 5 of another suit.

Queen 8 4 of the 3rd suit.

Knave 7 3 of the last suit.

As shown by the accompanying drawing the cards may be all the same shape colour and design but for the purpose of this invention, the position of the long side of the card, (whether it be north, east, south, or west, or top, right hand, bottom, or left hand, of the design on the back of the cards), indicates one of a different group.

And by placing each card in its own group we get hands or sets of equal value.

Thus, Fig. 1, represents the back of a card the long side of which is north or top of the design; the cards in this group would be ace 10 6 & 2 of hearts king, 9, 5, of clubs, queen, 8, 4 diamonds and knave, 7, 3 of spades.

Fig. 2, represents the pack of cards the long side of which is east or right hand of the design, the cards in this group would be, ace 10, 6 & 2 of clubs king, 9, 5 of diamonds queen 8 4 spades and knave 7 3 of hearts.

Fig. 3 represents the back of a card the long side of which is south or bottom of the design, the cards in this group would be: ace 10 6 & 2 of diamonds 40 king, 9, 5 of spades queen 8, 4, hearts and knave, 7, 3 of clubs.

Fig. 4 represents the back of a card the long side of which is west, or L. hand of the design, the cards in this group would be ace 10, 6, & 2 of spades king, 9 5 of hearts, queen 8 4 of clubs and knave 7 3 of diamonds.

It is to be understood that the distinguishing and arranging of the cards 45 may be variously modified without departing from the spirit of the invention. The main feature of which is to provide a pack of cards that can be rapidly & accurately dealt or separated into groups or sets of equal value.

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Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of my said invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, I declare that what I claim is:—

- 1st. Playing cards as described in this specification so shaped, embossed or otherwise designed or distinguished will enable anyone without previous knowledge of cards, to deal these cards quickly and accurately into four groups or sets of equal value without knowing or seeing the faces of any card.
- 2nd. Playing cards constructed substantially as described and illustrated.

Dated the Twenty-ninth day of January, 1913.

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